



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, GOVERNOR

Marguerite Salazar, Superintendent

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*"The Mission of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department is to ensure New Mexicans receive quality care and services from qualified professionals".*

## **Bailey named director of construction industries**

**SANTA FE** – The new head of the state’s Construction Industries Division has 18 years of experience protecting the public from fires and explosions.

Clay Bailey takes over immediately as director of the Construction Industries Division, New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Superintendent Marguerite Salazar announced Tuesday. He moves to that position from the LP Gas Bureau, where he has been bureau chief and a certified arson and fire investigator.

The Construction Industries Division licenses contractors and certifies journeymen in the building trades; issues permits for residential and commercial construction; and inspects building, electrical, mechanical and LP gas construction sites to assure public safety.

“Clay Bailey brings a wealth of experience to overseeing Construction Industries,” Salazar said. “I’m confident in his ability to ensure the safety and welfare of the public and provide a business-friendly atmosphere that will bring growth to the industry in New Mexico to meet Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham’s initiatives.”

After a decade in the private sector, Bailey in 2001 went to work as a state LP gas bureau inspector. Since then, he’s completed more than 275 fire investigations and inspected many movie installations and special events to ensure public safety. Bailey has also provided expertise and consulting to the general public regarding the use of propane for fire effects and explosions, and he is president of the New Mexico Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators.

“I welcome the opportunity to provide an environment that promotes courteous, responsive, quality service to the citizens of New Mexico,” Bailey said.

The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department regulates more than 425,000 individuals and businesses in 35 industries, professions and trades across the state. Its goal is to assure that New Mexicans receive quality services from qualified individuals and businesses while also ensuring fair and prompt administrative process.

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